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DEPT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR HENRY OWEN  
DEPT FOR LOWENSTEIN (EUR)

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, FR  
SUBJ: PREPARATORY MEETING FOR LONDON SUMMIT

1. FOLLOWING BIODATA MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THOSE WHO  
WILL BE MEETING WITH GOF REPRESENTATIVE BERNARD CLAPPIER,  
WHOM WE BELIEVE WILL BE COMPETENT AND GRACIOUS INTER-  
LOCUTOR.

2. BORN IN LIMOGES IN 1913, CLAPPIER IS MARRIED AND THE  
FATHER OF SIX CHILDREN. SHORT AND STURDILY BUILT, DARK  
HAIR WITH JUST A STREAK OF GRAY IN IT, CLAPPIER GIVES  
THE IMPRESSION OF BEING CONSIDERABLY YOUNGER THAN HIS 64  
YEARS. SOFT-SPOKEN, HIS MODEST DEMEANOR CONCEALS A VAST  
AMOUNT OF SAVOIR FAIRE AND EXPERIENCE GAINED SINCE HE  
STARTED HIS CAREER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE IN 1939.  
DURING 1947-50 HE SERVED AS DIRECTEUR DU CABINET FOR  
ROBERT SCHUMANN IN HIS ROLES AS MINISTER OF FINANCE AND  
THEN FOREIGN MINISTER, AND IN THIS CAPACITY WORKED CLOSE-  
LY WITH JEAN MONNET IN VARIOUS PROGRAMS FOR THE  
RECONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE. FROM 1951-63 HE WAS DIRECTOR  
OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN THE MINISTRY OF  
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. IN 1963 HE WENT TO THE BANK OF FRANCE,  
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INITIALLY AS SECOND DEPUTY GOVERNOR AND THEN AS FIRST  
DEPUTY GOVERNOR. HE WAS NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE MONETARY  
COMMITTEE OF THE EEC IN 1970. IN 1973-74 HE SERVED AS  
PRESIDENT-DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CREDIT NATIONAL, AND THEN  
IN 1974 RETURNED TO THE BANK OF FRANCE AS GOVERNOR,  
WHERE HE STILL IS. A RUMOR IN THE LOCAL PRESS THIS WEEK  
HAS IT THAT HE MAY MOVE ON TO BECOME MINISTER OF

FINANCE. A LONG-TIME FRIEND AND PROTEGE OF PRIME MINISTER BARRE, MR. CLAPPIER WOULD BE A PLAUSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR SUCH AN ASSIGNMENT. HE SPEAKS GOOD, THOUGH ACCENTED, ENGLISH. HE IS AWARE OF GOF/USG SENSITIVITIES AS TO NATURE OF SUMMIT AGENDA, BUT IN COURSE OF MEETING WITH SEVERAL EMBASSY OFFICERS AT DINNER YESTERDAY EVENING LEFT IMPRESSION THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TACKLE ALL SORTS OF QUESTIONS, WHATEVER THEIR LABEL. HE WAS MILDLY CRITICAL OF SIZE OF OTHER COUNTRY DELEGATIONS TO PREPARATORY MEETING, POINTING OUT THAT FIVE PEOPLE DID OUTSTANDING JOB TO PREPARE RAMBOUILLET, AND EXPRESSING SOME FEAR THAT TWENTY-FIVE WOULD BE LESS EFFECTIVE.

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